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SUBJECT: KISANGANI DAILY PRAISES SEC. KISSINGER

1. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF KISANGANI DAILY NEWSPAPER BOYOMA (EST. CIRC. 7,000) IN SHORT BYLINED ARTICLE FEBRUARY 24 EDITION CALLS SEC. KISSINGER THE "SUPERSTAR OF THE WORLD POLITICAL SCENE."
2. ZAIRE PRESS, WHILE GREATLY ADMIRING SEC. KISSINGER, HAD PREVIOUSLY NOT ATTAINED THE RHAPSODIC TONE OF BOYOMA ARTICLE, WHICH GOES ON TO CLAIM THAT "THANKS TO HIS INCOMPARABLY DIPLOMATIC EXPLOITS, HE HAS BECOME LEGENDARY. ON ALL FRONTS, HIS SILHOUETTE LEAVES ITS MARK."
3. ARTICLE STATES THAT "IT IS HE, IT IS ALWAYS HE, AND IT IS STILL HE WHO RETURNS TIRELESSLY ON THE SCENT TO DEFUSE CRISES AND AWAKEN CONFIDENCE..."
4. THEN FOLLOWS COMPENDIUM OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INCLUDING "RECENT MEETING OF LARGE EUROPEAN CONSUMER COUNTRIES IN WASHINGTON, NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARAB

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PRODUCING COUNTRIES, LATIN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN MEXICO, AND

SOON THE NEW AGREEMENT IN THE MIDEAST REGARDING ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT."

5. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH ADMIRATION... "SO MANY AFFAIRS ON THE SHOULDERS OF ONE SINGLE MAN*..."

6. COMMENT: EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ULEDI, GENERALLY FAVORABLY PREDISPOSED TOWARD U.S. IS IV GRANTEE WHO WILL DEPART FOR U.S. EARLY IN APRIL. HE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FORTHCOMING TRIP, AND POST ANTICIPATES VISIT WILL DO MUCH TO CONTINUE EXCELLENT U.S. TREATMENT IN KISANGANI PRESS. (N.B. BOYOMA ONLY DAILY IN REGION, WITH INFLUENCE MANY PARTS OF HAUT-ZAIRE.)

7. FOR IPS: POST WILL FOLLOW LATER IN MONTH WITH SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR IPS PRESS AND PHOTO COVERAGE ULEDI VISIT.
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